



## Argulus japonicus

### A parasitic copepod

#### General

1. Ectoparasitic

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Asia where goldfish (*Carassius auratus*) and common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) are its native hosts
2. Habitats
  - Typical of eutrophic, freshwater habitats where potential host species are found



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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=166>

#### Invasion Pathways

1. Likely introduced with *C. auratus* through the aquarium industry

#### Sources

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